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It seems as though many of the Pershing boys are a mite downhearted lately. The school officials have decreed that the boys must take health in gym once a week!

I am informed that the girls have been suffering under this burden for some time without a word, but you must understand that we muscular, and lively boys need a chance to rest our fertile minds and get fresh air and sunshine.

Of course, all we have to do for both of these is to miss a question in class discussion. Then we get a deluxe duck-walking tour of the courts.

Seriously, though, we do get something out of it and we still have the other four days for baseball, swimming, football, etc.

Which brings up another topic. Now-a-days a fellow has a very difficult job deciding which team to try out for. Should he lend his powerful muscles and speed to the baseball team? Or should he set his goal for swimming or track?

While making his decision the try-outs come to an end and he hasn't made even a feeble attempt

at any of them.

"Oh, well," he says. "I'd have never made any of them at any rate." Maybe he could—if he had tried.

Touch football intramurals are over and congratulations are due the captains and teams of the following homerooms: Brannen, Bender, Moreland, and Malone. They are champions all.

An argument has arisen in some homerooms about various intramurals. The girls say that the boys should watch the intramural games such as deck tennis to encourage them to make greater victories and the boys say they wanted the same things from the girls during football intramurals but didn't get it.

No matter whose side you're on, I'll be back next month with this column. It's too late to cancel your subscription so there's just no escaping it.

Swimming Classes Learn New Strokes

Swimming is becoming a popular sport with the girls these days.

Two days a week they jump into an icy pool and do "bobs," which is a breathing exercise. Each day they progress five bobs.

The girls have been learning the breast stroke, racing back stroke, and surface diving.

At the end of the year they will take a test and be ranked in different classes.

Seeing Double Lately?

Have you been feeling tired lately? Have you been walking down Pershing's halls only to find you are seeing double? Before you have your eyes examined, lend an ear. Nine times out of ten, you are seeing twins! Pershing is host to not one pair, not two pairs, but five pairs of twins.

Jane and Josephine Hewitt are our seventh grade twins. They were born on February 13, 1941 and they are thirteen years old. Mrs. Ferrell's H-7 homeroom has the pleasure of being their classmates.

We have several eighth grade twins. Larry and Gloria Glisan, who are in Mrs. Long's H-8 homeroom, have younger twin sisters. They were all in The Houston Press twins contest. Larry and Gloria are thirteen years old and were born on December 12, 1940.

Elizabeth and Isabella (Bitty and Bell) Hodgson were born on December 16, 1940. They are thirteen years old and are in Mr. Hansen's L-8 homeroom.

Joan Garrett is in Mrs. Robertson's H-8 homeroom while her brother, John is in Miss Hornak's L-9 homeroom. Joan and John are fourteen years old and were born on July 24, 1939.

Bill Swanson is also in Miss Hornak's homeroom while his brother, Bob, is in Mrs. High's L-9 homeroom. They were born on June 15, 1938 and are fifteen years old.

Don't feel badly if you never see our twins together. It is very rare that anyone does!

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Softball Games Now Being Played

Girls Learn First Aid

The girls ninth grade classes are studying first aid once a week under the direction of their gym teachers.

So far they have studied first aid for shock, wounds and bruises, bleeding, special wounds and eye injuries, artificial respiration and rescues.

Girls Deck Tennis Intramurals Held

The deck tennis intramurals have finally gotten underway and much enthusiasm has been shown by the participants.

The ninth grade have had their playoffs with Leggett's homeroom emerging victorious after an interesting bout with Corson's homeroom. Both teams showed a great deal of team spirit and both played very good games.

As the CHATTER goes to press, the eighth grade champ is still unknown. In the playoff is Moore's homeroom and Long's homeroom. This should be a good game as both are well qualified for the championship.

The seventh graders are just starting their intramurals and no winners have yet been decided.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS

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Representing Pershing Student Council at this conference were Kathleen Bowlin, K. Montgomery, John Biggs, and Tom Mayor. They participated in discussion groups centered around the Conference Theme, "Student Council—Practice Ground for Responsible Citizenship."

To inform the student body of Pershing of their Council a small mimeographed pamphlet was distributed and read in each homeroom. This pamphlet entitled "Becoming Familiar With Your Student Council," described the work of the council and plans for spring projects.

The office display case was used as an information center for the council. In it was a picture of Governor Shivers signing the proclamation, the council's Constitution and various other informational forms. Other displays were used to advantage in the cafeteria and the library.

It is the hope of the council that "Student Council Week" will help each and every student to better understand or be more informed on their own council.

How Observant Are You? (Answers)

1. Depends. 2. No. 3. Sixteenth.
4. 88. 5. Yes. 6. Monticello. 7. 4.
8. Left. 9. Q. 10. Counter-clockwise. 11. Tablet bearing date of Declaration of Independence. 12. Left side. 13. Three; two. 14. Depends. 15. Yes. 16. 64. 17. 52 not counting jokers. 18. 25 times. 19. 8" x 10". 20. 7; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.

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"B" Team Downed Deady Defeated by 11-5 By Edison Boys "A" and "B" Teams

Pershing's softball "B" team was defeated, 11 to 5, on home ground by Edison, Monday, March 22.

The game was fairly close for the first three innings, although Pershing was never ahead during the game.

Then, in the fourth inning, a walk and a single put two Edison men on base.

Butch Baynes relieved Bobby Bowers as pitcher, but the bases became loaded and Edison brought three runs across home plate, giving them a lead of 6 to 3.

Edison gained four more runs in the sixth inning and Pershing gained one at this time.

The Edison pitchers had a very good change of pace.

Pershing may have been defeated, but the team took its defeat gracefully and of course everyone will be rooting for them at their next game.

"IT'S A GREAT DAY"

Yesterday I met "Peggy O'Neil." "She's the Daughter of Rosie O'Grady." Whenever her "Irish Eyes are Smiling" I say to myself, "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover." Last night we went to see "McNamara's Band." They played on a beautiful island covered with sparkling shamrocks. "And They Called It Ireland." Now I know for sure "It's A Great Day for the Irish."

Classified

WANTED: More gossip to keep my brain active—Jo Burdett. A "cool cat" with loads of personality (preferably tall, dark, and handsome). Call Wanda Phears.

HELP WANTED: Somebody to do my English, algebra, Latin, and science for me. Sally Bell. "Amy Lane" to help me get a girl-friend. Get in touch with Gene Marshall.

LOST: Many Pershing football sweaters—variously.

FOUND: One cute redhead. Bobby Dunlap.

CLERICAL: Experienced book-keeper to keep my dates straight (history dates) Kathy Johnson.

SWAP: My intellect for your girl. Tom Mayor.

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Both the "A" and "B" softball teams of Pershing beat Deady quite soundly on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16, 17.

The small boys won their game 6-1 and the big boys won by default, the final score being 13-2.

The "B" team got the majority of their runs in the first inning and the "A" team gained nine runs in their starting inning.

Deady got only one run from the "B" team.

Deady forfeited the game with three runs across home plate in the last of the fifth inning. By this time they were trailing 13-2. They decided they would rather forfeit than go on.

All in all, both of the Pershing teams were on their toes at all times and were hitting well.

Football Intramural Winners Decided

The winners of the boys' touch football intramurals were decided recently.

The winners were: low seven, Vaught; high seven, Brannen; low eight, Bender; high eight, Moreland; low nine, Malone.

No games were played for the high ninth grade.

The opinion seemed to be that the games were played very fairly. In a few cases there were accidental mistakes, but these were in the minority and the boys showed a great deal of skill.

Most of the winning teams thought that the opposing homerooms had fairly good teams, and Mrs. Moreland's homeroom gave credit to Mr. Thomasson's homeroom for being a very hard team to beat.

The best way to watch the road is through the windshield.

Jay walking is a short cut—to the hospital.

It is wiser to use your brakes and be called a fool than to step on the gas and remove all doubt.

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Orchestra, Band To Give Concert

The senior orchestra and senior band, under the direction of Mrs. Claire Patterson, will present a concert Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 P.M. in the Pershing Auditorium.

The orchestra, composed of thirty members, will present a varied program from compositions by Purcell, Corelli, Bach, and Handel to lighter pieces like "Siboney," "Over the Rainbow," and "Jeannine." Also included in the program will be a harp solo by Donna Turner.

The band, a unit of fifty-seven members, will play "Allan-A-Dale," "Deep River Suite," "Hans Christian Anderson," "Hey Pedro," and several marches by Sousa and King.

The concert is open to the public and will be free of charge.

Chatter Club Visits Houston Chronicle

On Thursday, March 18, the members of the Chatter Club and students immediately connected with the CHATTER took a tour of the HOUSTON CHRONICLE.

The students were excused from school at 12:30 P.M. when they boarded a chartered bus for their trip.

After attending a short introductory program in the CHRONICLE's assembly room of the Promotion and Research Department, Mr. T. M. Wadley, an employee of this department, took the group through the plant.

The students were conducted through the advertising departments, the city room, the composing room and the press room.

One of the points of interest was the "morgue." This was merely the department where old copies of the paper were kept.

The trip was both interesting and informative.

Art Students Win Awards

Pershing had nine keys and certificates presented to its students in the Scholastic Art Contest held recently.

The awards for the contest were certificates of merit and gold achievement keys. All the key-winning paintings were forwarded by the regional co-sponsors to Carnegie Institute for national judging.

The students that won keys were Sandra Miltzer, Sarah Oliver, Suzanne Phillips, and Kathryn Townley. Sandy painted two pictures of school life and received two keys. Sarah, Suzanne, and Kathryn painted transparent water color paintings.

Judy Oelfke, Gene Harris, Sandy Miltzer, and Marjorie Trulan won certificates. Judy painted a scene in the U. S. A., Marjorie painted an observation of environment, and Gene and Sandy used water colors for their work.

Toga Clad Students Celebrate Latin Week

Many Activities Make Interesting Week for J. C. L.

Latin students, clad in tunics and togas, roamed the halls during Latin Week, March 15-19, and slaves served their masters by polishing shoes, carrying books, and performing other menial tasks for the entire week.

Slaves Auctioned to Highest Bidder

"Io! Romani! Do I hear twelve sesterces?" was the cry of auctioneer, Dirk Dierking, at John J. Pershing Junior High School on Friday, March 12, at the annual slave auction held in the school auditorium. Tim Jacobs acted as scribe and Ann Milton was there to take the money of the highest bidders. This event marked the first of many activities scheduled by the Junior Classical League.

Flowers for the Teachers

The entire student body was reminded of the celebration all week by the fresh flowers on their teachers' desks, compliments of the J.C.L., and by displays throughout the school advertising the value of Latin.

Gods and Goddesses In Assembly Program

The J.C.L. was in charge of the three auditorium programs for the week and presented "Living Pictures from Classical Mythology," featuring the more prominent gods

and goddesses, and narrated by George Rose. They also presented "The Labors of Hercules," a burlesque in shadow-pictures, narrated by Larry Wolf, and accompanied on the piano by Mary Alice House. Those participating in the program were: Chappy Scurlock, Clark Bennett, Betty Conrad, Jimmy Croley, Patsy Todd, Sandra Schoenfield, Helen Monroe, Mike Broyles, Tim Jacobs, Kent Watts, Linda Nicholson, Judith Helmle, Carol Browning, and Robert Esch.

Plans for Convention

Latin Week is only one of the highlights of the school year for the Latin students, for by giving a dance and selling schedule pencils and candy, they have been earning the money to help pay their expenses to the State Convention of the Junior Classical League to be held in Waco on April 2-3. About sixty of the fifty-seven members of the club plan to attend. They will attend workshops and exchange ideas with students from all over the state. The members also hope to attend the first National Convention in San Antonio on June 13, 14, and 15.

Officers for Spring Semester

Larry Wolf and Bette Conrad reigned as king and queen of Latin Week. The officers for the spring semester are as follows: president, Mary Alice House; vice president, Sandra Schoenfield; secretary, Tim Jacobs; treasurer, Ann Milton; and reporters, Larry Wolf and Anita Holder. The club sponsors are Mrs. Anne Robertson and Mr. John Hamner.

Flowers Win For Four Girls

The International Flower Show was held in Houston at the Shamrock from March 12 to the 15.

Five Pershing students entering the flower show won ribbons. Wanda Phears, a member of Mrs. Leggett's homeroom, received a triangular ribbon, meaning outstanding, on her entry in "Texas Sunshine." Marilyn Mott entered in "Modern Gaiety" and won a blue ribbon. She is a member of Miss Moreland's homeroom. A blue ribbon was awarded to a member of Mr. Hansen's registration, Patricia Isaacs, on her arrangement entered in "Grandmother's Bouquet." Marie Cheatham who is in Mrs. Richardson's homeroom received a red ribbon for the entry in the "Home, Sweet Home" division. Also receiving a red ribbon was Jeannie Koblerling, a member of Mrs. LaVerne's homeroom. She entered her arrangement in the "Teen-age Coke Party" division.

History Classes CARE

Mr. Clyde Thomasson's world history classes have been conducting a drive for C. A. R. E.

The total earnings of \$112.63 will go towards buying supplies for Korean children and their families.

Red Cross Drive Is Completed

"The Red Cross Way is the Volunteer Way."

We care—caring for others, being interested in other people, has many names, it is kindness, it is being a good neighbor, it is unselfishness. But just caring is not enough.

The Red Cross Club of Pershing had a Red Cross Drive recently and collected \$74.04. The largest amount came from Mrs. Oranella Ferrell's homeroom. This room contributed \$75.11, with several homerooms coming in close behind.

The Red Cross Club has 27 members and with the help of the high seven students, the drive was a success.

Best Speller Is Announced

Barbara Axelrod, high seventh grader from Mrs. Brannen's homeroom, became Pershing's champion speller on Tuesday, March 9.

Dianne Duncan, of Mrs. Richardson's homeroom, was the runner up, having missed the word "mutable."

As Pershing's champion, Barbara will compete against champions from the other elementary and junior high schools for the championship of the Houston area.

If she should win this she will receive valuable prizes plus a free trip to Washington, D. C., for the national spelling bee competition.

About 100 contestants from the seventh and eighth grades participated in the Pershing spelling bee.

A Pair and A Spare

Recently Mrs. Alice Long's seventh period English class acquired a student teacher, Miss Crossman, who works with Mrs. Long.

Unknown to the class, Miss Crossman could not be present one day each week.

On the day she was absent, the class came in, sat down, and went to work.

Suddenly George Kesler sat up and looked around, his brows knit in an expression of seriousness and wonder, said, "Mrs. Long, where is our spare teacher?"